

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS

Monday, December 7, 2020, at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT

CALL TO ORDER

- I. **Minutes**
Review and approval of the minutes from the August 31, 2020 and November 16, 2020.
- II. **DPH Updates – (Practical Examination)**
- III. **Continuing Education**
- IV. **Schedule Meeting Dates for 2021**

ADJOURN

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and have not yet been adopted by the board.

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians** was held on **August 31, 2020**.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Denegre, LO
Alden Mead, JD, Public Member
Jenney Rivard, L.O.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Participants were present via Microsoft Teams

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the June 1, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Rivard, seconded by Mr. Mead.

II. Examination Update

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section provided an update as to when the practical examination will be administered.

Aarlan Aceto, OD, Associate Professor & Program Coordinator of Ophthalmic Design and Dispensing, Middlesex Community College reported that the college is implementing steps and await approval to offer DPH a location for the practical examination.

III. Correspondence from Maryann Santos

The reviewed correspondence received from, Program Director, Vision Care Technology, School of Nursing and Health Professions, Goodwin University.

Ms. Santos inquired about virtual continuing education and expresses her concerns with the administration of the current practical examine offer in Connecticut and that American Board of Opticianry & National Contact Lens Examiners (ABO- NCLE) Practical Examination should be adopted. Comments were also received from other attendees.

Stephen Carragher indicated that examinations are prescribed by the department with the advice and consent of the Board. At this time the Board has not consented to use of the ABO- NCLE Practical Examination.

Virtual continuing education will be addressed at the December 7, 2020 meeting.

IV. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Denegre, LO
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians** was held on **November 16, 2020**.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Daniel Denegre, LO Alden Mead, JD, Public Member Jenney Rivard, L.O.
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
ALSO PRESENT:	Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Participants were present via Microsoft Teams.

Examination Update

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section reported that the Department of Public Health is awaiting site information from Middlesex Community College. In addition the DPH is waiting guidance from the Department's Occupational Health Unit for regarding how to safely administer the examination. A decision as to when the examination will be administered will be made DPH administration. Mr. Carragher indicated that more information as to an examination date may be available by the year's end.

There was also discussion requiring COVID testing for applicants, proctors and staff.

Aarlan Aceto, OD, Associate Professor & Program Coordinator of Ophthalmic Design and Dispensing, Middlesex Community College reported that the college has space to designate for the examination and will assist with the implementation of safety protocols that may be required.

IV. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Denegre, LO
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians